

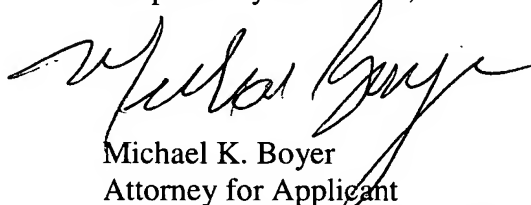
REMARKS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/211,029, now allowed. Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10, 11 have been amended and new Claims 12-19 have been added.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the references that were of record in the parent application. In addition, Applicants respectfully request consideration of commonly assigned U.S. Patent Nos. 6,149,794; 6,258,243; 6,153,080; 6,322,687; 6,572,756; and Application Serial Nos. 09/775,072; 09/814,641; 10/378,983; 09/816,879; 09/755,072; 09/814,641; 10/211,094; and 10/211,051, and the references cited therein.

Applicants believe that the claimed invention defines patentable subject matter and request issuance of a Notice of Allowability. Should there be any fee due in connection with this Response, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 15-0680 (Orscheln Management Co.). Should the Examiner deem that any further action on the part of Applicant would be desirable, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney.

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